

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1116 - SB 1304

February 21, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Transportation (TDOT) or the Governors Highway Safety Office (GHSO) to publicize the Yellow Dot Program (YDP) to law enforcement officers. Authorizes TDOT to publicize the YDP in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Services and agencies providing services to veterans. Requires TDOT to develop YDP training materials, in consultation with GHSO, and furnish them to Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission, Tennessee Highway Patrol, local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services agencies, for use during recruit training and annual in-service training. Establishes that an additional purpose of the YDP is to assist law enforcement officers in becoming aware of a motorist's or passenger's critical medical information that may impact the officer's encounter with the motorist or passenger during a traffic stop or welfare check. Authorizes law enforcement officers to review any yellow dot folders within a vehicle upon receiving driver's consent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- TDOT will publicize the YDP in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Services utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- TDOT will develop training materials in consultation with GSHO utilizing current departmental resources without a significant increase in state expenditures. Funding for the YDP, if unspent at the end of a fiscal year, remains with TDOT and does not revert back to the General Fund.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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